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SUBJECT: GUINEA-SENEGAL- IVORY COAST LIBERIAN SUMMIT

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1. I ACCOMPANIED MRS. ANN MARTINDELL, DIRECTOR OF AID'S
DISASTER RELIEF OFFICE, TO CALL ON PRESIDENT SENGHOR
JANUARY 27. DURING DISCUSSION ON AFRICAN POLITICS, SENGHOR
SAID THAT ALL OF THE FRANCOPHONE AFRICAN COUNTRIES WITH
MARXIST SYSTEMS HAVE BEEN FAILURES. HE CITED GUINEA, BENIN
AND CONGO. AT THAT POINT I INTERJECTED THAT GUINEA HAS
BEEN SENDING LOVE SIGNALS TOWARD AMERICANS LATELY.

2. SENGHOR REPLIED THAT HE HAS BEEN ON THE PHONE WITH
PRESIDENT TOLBERT WHO IS TRYING TO ORGANIZE A SUMMIT
MEETING IN MONROVIA WITH TOURE, HOUPHOUET, SENGHOR AND
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HIMSELF. HIS INITIAL REPLY TO TOLBERT WAS THAT HE
WOULD HAVE TO CHECK WITH HOUPHOUET. WHEN SENGHOR CALLED
ABIDJAN, HOUPHOUET SAID "I UNDERSTAND SEKOU TOURE IS
NOW TURNING TO THE AMERICANS FOR ASSISTANCE. THIS
MIGHT BE WORTH FOLLOWING UP". ON THAT BASIS
SENGHOR AGREED TO ATTEND THE SUMMIT.

3. SENGHOR THEN SAID, "I HOPE YOU AMERICANS ARE NOT GOING TO JUMP IN AND HELP SEKOU TOURE WITHOUT FIRST SETTING SOME CONDITIONS. I MEAN THE SOVIETS AND THE CUBANS MUST GO." I TOLD HIM THAT SOVIET MILITARY RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS FROM CONAKRY HAVE BEEN HALTED. SENGHOR SAID "THAT'S FINE, BUT WE MUST INSIST THAT THEIR TROOPS LEAVE ALSO. THAT WILL BE DIFFICULT BECAUSE SEKOU TOURE NEEDS THEM FOR INTERNAL PROTECTION IN ORDER TO REMAIN IN POWER."
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